COFFEE—NELLIAMPATHY ESTATES

245. മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. നടരാജൻ ചെട്ടിയാർ: താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക് ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ഗവൺമെണ്ട് സദയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ —

(എ) നെല്ലിയാംപതിയിലുള്ള എസ്റ്റേറ്റുകളിൽ ക ക ഫ-ൽ എത്ര ടൺ കാപ്പി യുണ്ടായി;

(ബി) ടി കാപ്പിക്ക് എത്ര ഡ്യൂട്ടി വസൂലാക്കി;

(സി) വസൂലാക്കിയിട്ടില്ലെങ്കിൽ അതിനുള്ള കാരണം എന്ത്;

(ഡി) കൊച്ചിരാജ്യത്തുണ്ടാകുന്ന അടക്കാക്കോ ചായക്കോ ഡ്യൂട്ടി ഒഴിവാക്കിക്കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

റാവു സാഹിബ് സി. ജെ. മാത്യു:

(എ) ക്നുവ ടൺ, നു ശതമാക്കം, ഫ കാപ്പാട്ടർ, ക്നു റാത്തൽ പാകപ്പെടുത്താത്ത കാപ്പി ഉണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ട്.

(ബി) കാപ്പിക്ക് യാതൊരു ഡ്യൂട്ടിയും ഇതേവരെ പിരിച്ചിട്ടില്ല.

(സി) കാപ്പിക്കുരു പാകപ്പെടുത്തുന്നതു് ബ്രിട്ടീഷിലാണു്. പാകപ്പെടുത്തിയ കാപ്പിക്കുരു കാപ്പി ബോർഡ് (Coffee Board) വഴിക്കാണു് ബ്രിട്ടീഷിൽ വില്ക്കുന്നതു്. ഡ്യൂട്ടി അവിടെ പിരിക്കുന്നുണ്ട്. കൊച്ചിയിൽനിന്നു പോകുന്ന കാപ്പിക്കുരുവിന്മേലുള്ള ഡ്യൂട്ടി സംഖ്യ മടക്കി കിട്ടുവാനായി എഴുത്തുകുത്തു നടത്തുന്നുണ്ട്.

(ഡി) ഉവ്വു്.

ഫ. അടക്ക—ഒരു അടക്കാകൃഷിക്കാരനു (grower) തന്റെ കുടുംബാവശ്യത്തിനു് രണ്ടായിരത്തിൽ കവിയാതെയുള്ള അടക്കാക്കും അയാൾ ഓരോ തവണയും അടക്ക മുറുക്കുകാക്കു (consumer) വില്ക്കുന്ന നൂറ്റിൽ വരെ എണ്ണത്തിൽ കവിയാത്ത അടക്കാക്കും ഗവർമെണ്ടു ഡ്യൂട്ടി ഒഴിവാക്കി കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ട്.

ക. ചായ—നാലു് ഔൺസോ അതിനു താഴെയോ തൂക്കമുള്ള സാമ്പിൾ ചായക്കു ഗവൺമെണ്ടു ഡ്യൂട്ടി ഒഴിവാക്കി കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ട്.

MANNAMANGALAM ROAD

246. മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കു് ഗവൺമെണ്ടു് സദയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

(എ) മാന്നാമംഗലം റോഡു പണിക്കു വേണ്ട സ്ഥലം അക്വയർ ചെയ്തുകഴിഞ്ഞിട്ടില്ലേ;

(ബി) കഴിഞ്ഞുവെങ്കിൽ അതിന്റെ പണി എന്നുമുതൽ ആരംഭിക്കും?

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ:

(എ) ഉവ്വു്.

(ബി) റോഡു പണി ക ക ഫ-ൽ നടത്തുന്നതാണു്.

GODOWNS—MATTANCHERI—REQUISTIONING OF

247. Choudhury G. S. Dhara Singh *(Mattancheri)*: Will Government be pleased to answer.—

(*a*) how many godowns from Mattancheri were requisitioned by the Government for the use of the Cochin Government from 1943 to 1946;

(*b*) how many of them were given back;

(*c*) what was the total amount of rent paid for the said godowns till now; has there been any delay in paying the rents;

(*d*) how many godowns were requisitioned in all by the Government for the sake of Cochin Government, Imperial Government, Travancore Government and others during the war period?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*:

(*a*) 43 godowns were taken for the use of Cochin Government. 17 godowns originally taken for Travancore Government were handed over to this Government when they vacated them.

(*b*) Eleven godowns were released to the owners. Nine godowns were given to the Travancore Government and they are now with that Government.

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(c) The total amount of rent paid till 1st Karkadagam 1121 is Rs. 1,60,370—8—6. There has been some delay in paying the rents due to unavoidable technical reasons such as fixing of rent and taking out rent certificate from the Public Works Department. The delay in some cases is also due to refusal of the owners to accept the rent fixed by the Government at first and subsequently they agree to it when payment is possible only after preaudit of the claims. In such cases amounts drawn from the Treasury for payment have even to be remitted back to be drawn again after the owners accept the rent fixed by the Government.

(d) 43 godowns for the use of Cochin Government. 33 for Travancore Government. No godown for Imperial Government and others.

2. STATEMENT BY MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH REGARDING HIS RESIGNATION

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Public Health):* Mr. President, Sir, I wish to make a statement.

I have implemented the desire of this House by tendering to His Highness the Maharaja the resignation of my office as Minister for Public Health. During my tenure of my office for some time as sole Minister of the State and for a period of about three months with the help of my colleague, Hon'ble Mr. Balakrishna Menon, the Development Minister, I have been striving my utmost for the advancement of Full Responsible Government under the aegis of His Highness the Maharaja, for safeguarding the civil liberties of His Highness' subjects and for promoting the welfare and happiness of the people of the State, especially the poor, labouring and the socalled Depressed Classes. I have been discharging my duties faithfully, loyally and to the best of my ability, carrying out the wish of His Highness the Maharaja, which I am confident, is the welfare and happiness of his subjects. In the discharge of my duties as Minister, I have had the fullest co-operation from you, Sir Diwan President, and I am happy to acknowledge that our relationship has been through out marked with extreme cordiality. I must also acknowledge the fullest support I have received from the different sections of this House, especially from the Members of the Nationalist Party.

I am greatful to this House for expressing in unmistakable terms the fact that their decision of yesterday (7th August 1946) has not been taken on account of any personal grounds or for any drawback in the administration of the departments entrusted to my care, but that the alleged ground is only that I have not been promoting the cause of Full Responsible Government in the fashion they wanted. I may state here that I am a full believer in responsive co-operation. And it is in this spirit that I have been discharging my duties as Minister of the State, solicitous at the same time to achieve our common objective. I am not for destruction, but for constructive progress. Hence there may be difference between some of us in the method of action. It does not mean therefore that I or my Party are not equally zealous for attaining Full Responsible Government. And you know, Sir, that I have been earnestly endeavouring in this direction, though with due respect to the solemn trust placed in me, I am not entitled to disclose all that I have been doing to establish Full Responsible Government as early as possible. I can assure this House that I will continue to serve the interests of the people and of my country without fear or favour, without seeking for applause, honour or reward.

Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon *(Minister for Development):* I have no statement to make, Sir.

3. VOTING OF DEMANDS FOR GRANTS

1—4—Village Panchayats

Mr. President: The Hon'ble Ministers having resigned and there being no Ministers present to answer the points raised in respect of transferred departments I want to know whether the Hon'ble Members wish to proceed in the order in which the demands appear on the Agenda paper or whether it would be better to pass over the Village Panchayats now and go straight on to Miscellaneous.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* With regard to that, Sir, we feel that we follow as it is.

Mr. President: In that case it may be taken in the order in which it appears in the agenda provided Hon'ble Members are satisfied with the replies from the Secretaries in charge of the respective departments.

Mr. M. K. Raja *(Mulakunnathukavu):* We may pass over the Panchayats now.

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